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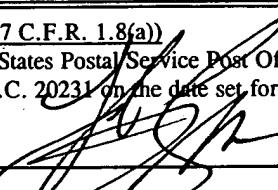
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Re: Application No: 09/219,288
Applicant(s): William E. Asher, Richard H. Clarke
and Mohammad S. Farahat
Filing Date: December 22, 1998
Entitled: "Method and Apparatus for Marking and Identifying Liquids"
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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment.

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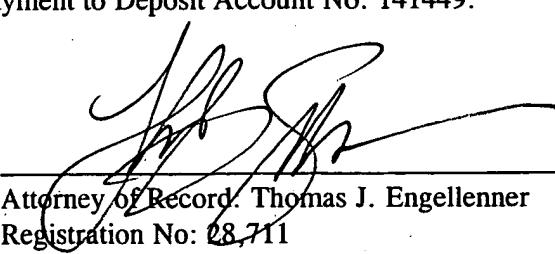
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend this application prior to examination, as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-24 and add the following new claims.

AI 25 (New) An apparatus for assisting in the identification of a marked liquid, the apparatus comprising:

(a) a vessel for receiving a liquid including at least a first marker and a second marker, wherein each of said markers is miscible with said liquid and wherein each of said markers has a unique absorption spectrum differentiable from the absorption spectrum of said liquid and any other marker in said liquid;